

SENATE FILE NO. SF0008

Bicycle and pedestrian system task force.

Sponsored by: Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife & Cultural Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to highway, bicycle and pedestrian safety;
2 creating a task force to study the benefits and
3 opportunities of bicycle and pedestrian pathways and
4 natural surface trails in the state; specifying task force
5 membership and staffing; providing additional duties to the
6 Wyoming business council; requiring reports; and providing
7 for an effective date.

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9 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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11 **Section 1.** BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN SYSTEM TASK FORCE

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13 (a) The governor shall appoint a bicycle and
14 pedestrian system task force of eleven (11) members subject
15 to the following:

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2 (i) One (1) member shall be a department of
3 transportation employee knowledgeable in highway safety;

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5 (ii) One (1) member shall be a representative of
6 local government;

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8 (iii) One (1) member shall be an employee of the
9 office of tourism or a member of the Wyoming tourism board;

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11 (iv) One (1) member shall be active in a bicycle
12 tourism related business;

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14 (v) Two (2) members shall be representatives of
15 local or statewide bicycle groups;

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17 (vi) One (1) member shall be a member or an
18 employee of the Wyoming business council;

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20 (vii) One (1) member shall be the state
21 epidemiologist;

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1 (viii) One (1) member shall be a department of
2 state parks and cultural resources employee knowledgeable
3 in natural surface trail systems;

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5 (ix) One (1) member shall be familiar with
6 equestrian activities;

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8 (x) One (1) member shall be a department of
9 transportation employee or other qualified representative
10 knowledgeable in planning, designing and constructing
11 bicycle and pedestrian pathways.

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13 (b) The governor shall appoint the chairman of the
14 task force.

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16 (c) The task force shall:

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18 (i) Develop a report to help the department of
19 transportation, department of state parks and cultural
20 resources, department of health, office of tourism, Wyoming
21 business council and local communities better understand
22 the opportunities and challenges of bicycle and pedestrian
23 pathways. In developing the report the task force shall:

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2 (A) Consider the health benefits to Wyoming
3 residents of encouraging bicycle and pedestrian recreation
4 and transportation and ways in which these benefits can be
5 attained;

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7 (B) Consider opportunities for using
8 bicycle and pedestrian pathways and natural surface trails
9 to benefit economic development through enhanced tourism
10 opportunities and community enhancements;

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12 (C) Identify and evaluate options to fund
13 the construction and maintenance of bicycle and pedestrian
14 pathways and natural surface trails for state and local
15 governments, including funding from private individuals,
16 corporate funding, grants from nonprofit organizations and
17 local, state and federal sources;

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19 (D) Consider safety analyses relating to
20 fatalities and serious injury accidents involving motor
21 vehicles and bicycles and pedestrians in Wyoming and safety
22 concerns raised by the analyses;

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1 (E) Consider and make recommendations on
2 the various ways the state can coordinate with and assist
3 efforts to develop local, state and interstate bicycle and
4 pedestrian pathways and natural surface trails;

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6 (F) Consider the extent to which bicycle
7 and pedestrian pathways and natural surface trails should
8 be available to people riding horses;

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10 (G) Consider the most cost effective method
11 of construction of bicycle and pedestrian pathways along
12 established roads;

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14 (H) Consider effective methods of
15 construction of natural surface trails in partnership with
16 state and federal land management agencies.

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18 (ii) Submit a preliminary report on or before
19 October 1, 2016 and a final report on or before October 1,
20 2017 with respect to the issues specified in paragraph (i)
21 of this subsection to the transportation commission,
22 tourism board, Wyoming business council, the joint travel,
23 recreation and wildlife interim committee and the joint

1 transportation, highways and military affairs interim
2 committee.

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4 (d) Service on the task force by task force members
5 who are government employees shall be considered part of
6 the member's regular government employment. Task force
7 members who are members of the public shall serve without
8 compensation.

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10 (e) The Wyoming business council shall provide an
11 executive secretary to the task force and shall provide
12 staff and other support to the task force as required to
13 fulfill its duties under this act.

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15 (f) The task force shall terminate July 1, 2018.

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17 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
18 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
19 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
20 Constitution.

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